S/N 10/551,302 PATENT

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Applicant: FRIESEN Examiner: Unknown

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Title: MODULATION OF CELL DEATH

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 3, 2008. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claim of Group I (claim 1) for prosecution in the instant application. In addition, the Examiner has required an election of a species. To fulfill the election of species requirement, Applicants elect pyridoxal-5'-phosphate as the compound.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected subject matter. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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